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For: "RE-CIRCULATION OF MAKE-UP)
WATER IN SLURRY PROCESSING)
UNIT")

GROUP 1700

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

A. Introductory Comments

This amendment is presented in the revised format approved by the
Office of Patent Legal Administration and announced on January 31, 2003.

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed 09/26/2002, and
pursuant to the grant of an extension of time, please amend this application as follows:

B. Affirmation of Provisional Election

Applicant affirms the provisional election of the invention of Group I, claims 1-4, drawn to a slurry processing system. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the invention of Group II, claims 5-11, drawn to methods for treating sludge.